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SUBJ: NOMINATION OF OLAV K. CHRISTIANSEN, MANAGER, TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT, STATOIL

1. EMBASSY HERewith NOMINATES, PROVIDED FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, FOR PARTIAL IVP GRANT DURING TRANSITIONAL QUARTER, OLAV K. CHRISTIANSEN, MANAGER, TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT, STATOIL. STATOIL IS THE STATE OWNED NORWEGIAN OIL COMPANY. FUNDED IN 1972 IT IS GROWING RAPIDLY, IS ENGAGED IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE OIL INDUSTRY INCLUDING PETROCHEMICALS, AND WILL DOMINATE THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF NORWEGIAN OIL AND GAS. CHRISTIANSEN WILL PARTICIPATE IN A VISIT BY THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF THE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT TO THE U.S., SEPTEMBER 5-19. HE WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL FOR 2-3 WEEKS FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THE COMMITTEE'S VISIT. EXACT TRAVEL INFORMATION, WISHES, AND FURTHER BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL WILL BE FORWARDED BY SEPTTEL.

2. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

DATE OF BIRTH: C. 1935

CITIZENSHIP: NORWEGIAN

PRESENT POSITION: CHRISTIANSEN RATES AS NUMBER 3 IN THE STATOIL HIERARCHY. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS BY STATOIL, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GIANT STATFJORD FIELD WHICH IN 50 PERCENT OWNED BY STATOIL. HE WILL ALSO PLAY A LEADING PART IN EXPLORATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF OIL NORTH OF 62 DEGREES WHERE STATOIL WILL HAVE BASIC RESPONSIBILITY.

ENGLISH: EXCELLENT.

JUSTIFICATION: CHRISTIANSEN IS A KEY FIGURE IN STATOIL AND IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FORMULATION OF THE STATOIL POLICY. STATOIL IS EXPECTED TO BECOME

A LARGE INTEGRATED OIL COMPANY AND WILL HAVE A PROFOUND INFLUENCE
ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND DIRECTION OF NORWEGIAN INDUSTRY.
AS THE COMPANY GROWS CHRISTIANSEN IS EXPECTED TO GROW WITH IT
AND TO ASSUME AN INCREASING ROLE.
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